

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION  
by the  
Governor of the State of California

**WHEREAS**, in California, drowning is a leading cause of injury-related deaths among children under the age of five; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 80 children lose their lives in drowning accidents each year in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child drownings occur in residential swimming pools; and

**WHEREAS**, children who survive drowning accidents often suffer permanent brain damage; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 600 survivors of drowning accidents receive services through the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS); and

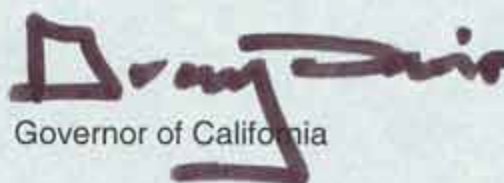
**WHEREAS**, drowning accidents tend to occur during the warm weather months of May through October; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drowning Prevention Foundation, in cooperation with DDS, has developed a public education and awareness program to help prevent drowning;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as "Drowning Prevention Month."



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 29th day of April 2003.

  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

  
Secretary of State